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IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the pending claims along with status.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of assembling a damper assembly comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a first chamber within a first housing and second chamber within a second housing~~chambers within a housing~~;
- (b) sealing each end of said first and second chambers with an end portion;
- (c) forming corresponding openings in each of said first and second chambers to form a portion of a passageway between said first and second chambers, and
- (d.) forming a key in one of said first and second housings and a keyway corresponding to said key to provide a desired alignment between said corresponding openings in each of said first and second chambers.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, including securing said first housing to said second housing.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, including installing a seal between said corresponding openings within each of said first and second housings.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, wherein each of said first and second housings define a portion of said passageway.

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7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, including the step of extruding said first and second housings.

8-10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A damper assembly comprising;
a first housing defining a first chamber containing hydraulic fluid and a first piston secured to a rod extending from said first chamber;
a second housing defining a second chamber containing hydraulic fluid and a second piston; and
a fluid passage communicating hydraulic fluid between said first and second chambers, said first and second housings including openings cooperating to form said fluid passage, wherein one of said first and second housings includes a key slot and another of said first and second housings includes a key for aligning said openings to form said fluid passage.

12-13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of ~~claim 12~~claim 11, including a seal disposed between said first and second housings at said fluid passage.

15. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of claim 11, including at least one strap for securing said first housing to said second housing.

16-20. (CANCELLED)

21. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said key and keyway are established longitudinally along each of said first and second housings.

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22. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 11, wherein said key and said key slot are disposed longitudinally along each of said first and second housings.